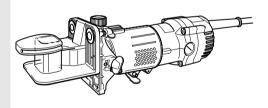


Trimmer

1/4"
MODEL 3708FC



002000



INSTRUCTION MANUAL

⚠ WARNING:

For your personal safety, READ and UNDERSTAND before using. SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Model	3708FC
Collet chuck capacity	1/4"
No load speed (RPM)	26,000/min.
Overall length	308 mm (12-1/8")
Net weight	1.3 kg (2.9 lbs)

- Manufacturer reserves the right to change specifications without notice.
- · Specifications may differ from country to country.

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

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(For All Tools)

↑ WARNING:

Read and understand all instructions. Failure to follow all instructions listed below, may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious personal injury.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Work Area

- Keep your work area clean and well lit.
 Cluttered benches and dark areas invite accidents
- Do not operate power tools in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases, or dust. Power tools create sparks which may ignite the dust or fumes.
- Keep bystanders, children, and visitors away while operating a power tool. Distractions can cause you to lose control.

Electrical Safety

4. Double insulated tools are equipped with a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other.) This plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install a polarized outlet. Do not change the plug in any way. Double insulation eliminates the need for the three wire grounded power cord and grounded power supply system.

- Avoid body contact with grounded surfaces such as pipes, radiators, ranges and refrigerators. There is an increased risk of electric shock if your body is grounded.
- Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions. Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
- Do not abuse the cord. Never use the cord to carry the tools or pull the plug from an outlet. Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts. Replace damaged cords immediately. Damaged cords increase the risk of electric shock.
- When operating a power tool outside, use an outdoor extension cord marked "W-A" or "W". These cords are rated for outdoor use and reduce the risk of electric shock.

Personal Safety

- Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use tool while tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication. A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.
- 10. Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Contain long hair. Keep your hair, clothing, and gloves away from moving parts. Loose clothes, jewelry, or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- 11. Avoid accidental starting. Be sure switch is off before plugging in. Carrying tools with your finger on the switch or plugging in tools that have the switch on invites accidents.
- 12. Remove adjusting keys or wrenches before turning the tool on. A wrench or a key that is left attached to a rotating part of the tool may result in personal injury.
- 13. Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times. Proper footing and balance enables better control of the tool in unexpected situations.

14. Use safety equipment. Always wear eye protection. Dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection must be used for appropriate conditions. Ordinary eye or sun glasses are NOT eye protection.

Tool Use and Care

- 15. Use clamps or other practical way to secure and support the workpiece to a stable platform. Holding the work by hand or against your body is unstable and may lead to loss of control.
- 16. Do not force tool. Use the correct tool for your application. The correct tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it is designed.
- 17. Do not use tool if switch does not turn it on or off. Any tool that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
- 18. Disconnect the plug from the power source before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing the tool. Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the tool accidentally.
- 19. Store idle tools out of reach of children and other untrained persons. Tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- 20. Maintain tools with care. Keep cutting tools sharp and clean. Properly maintained tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
- 21. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, and any other condition that may affect the tools operation. If damaged, have the tool serviced before using. Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained tools.
- 22. Use only accessories that are recommended by the manufacturer for your model. Accessories that may be suitable for one tool, may become hazardous when used on another tool.

SERVICE

- 23. Tool service must be performed only by qualified repair personnel. Service or maintenance performed by unqualified personnel could result in a risk of injury.
- 24. When servicing a tool, use only identical replacement parts. Follow instructions in the Maintenance section of this manual. Use of unauthorized parts or failure to follow Maintenance instructions may create a risk of electric shock or injury.

USE PROPER EXTENSION CORD: Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. When using an extension cord, be sure to use one heavy enough to carry the current your product will draw. An undersized cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. Table 1 shows the correct size to use depending on cord length and nameplate ampere rating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gage. The smaller the gage number, the heavier the cord.

Ampere Rating		Ampere Pating Volts Total length of cord in feet			et	
Ampe	e natility	120 V	25 ft.	50 ft.	100 ft.	150 ft.
More Than	Not More Than			AWG		
0	6		18	16	16	14
6	10		18	16	14	12
10	12		16	16	14	12
12	16	1	14	12	Not Reco	mmended

Table 1: Minimum gage for cord

SPECIFIC SAFETY RULES

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DO NOT let comfort or familiarity with product (gained from repeated use) replace strict adherence to trimmer safety rules. If you use this tool unsafely or incorrectly, you can suffer serious personal injury.

- Hold tool by insulated gripping surfaces when performing an operation where the cutting tool may contact hidden wiring or its own cord. Contact with a "live" wire will make exposed metal parts of the tool "live" and shock the operator.
- 2. Wear hearing protection during extended period of operation.
- 3. Handle the bits very carefully.

- Check the bit carefully for cracks or damage before operation. Replace cracked or damaged bit immediately.
- Avoid cutting nails. Inspect for and remove all nails from the workpiece before operation.
- 6. Hold the tool firmly.
- 7. Keep hands away from rotating parts.
- Make sure the bit is not contacting the workpiece before the switch is turned on.

- Before using the tool on an actual workpiece, let it run for a while. Watch for vibration or wobbling that could indicate improperly installed bit.
- 10. Be careful of the bit rotating direction and the feed direction.
- 11. Do not leave the tool running. Operate the tool only when hand-held.
- Always switch off and wait for the bit to come to a complete stop before removing the tool from workpiece.
- Do not touch the bit immediately after operation; it may be extremely hot and could burn your skin.

- 14. Always lead the power supply cord away from the tool towards the rear.
- 15. Do not smear the tool base carelessly with thinner, gasoline, oil or the like. They may cause cracks in the tool base.
- 16. Draw attention to the need to use cutters of the correct shank diameter and suitable for the speed of the tool.
- 17. Some material contains chemicals which may be toxic. Take caution to prevent working dust inhalation and skin contact. Follow material supplier safety data.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

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MISUSE or failure to follow the safety rules stated in this instruction manual may cause serious personal injury.

SYMBOLS USD201-2

The followings show the symbols used for tool.

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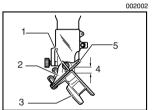
Hzhertz .../minrevolutions or reciprocation per

minute
.....alternating current

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

1 3

- 1. Lever
- 2. Scale
- 3. Bit protrusion
- 4. Adjusting roller



- 1. Wing bolt
- 2. Graduation
- 3. Trimmer shoe
- 4. Amount of chamfering
- 5. Base

↑ CAUTION:

 Always be sure that the tool is switched off and unplugged before adjusting or checking function on the tool.

Adjusting bit protrusion

To adjust the bit protrusion, loosen the lever and move the tool base up or down as desired by turning the adjusting roller. After adjusting, tighten the lever firmly to secure the tool base.

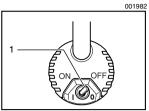
Adjusting angle of tool base

Loosen the wing bolts and adjust the angle of the tool base (5° per graduation) to obtain the desired cutting angle.

Adjusting amount of chamfering

To adjust the amount of chamfering, loosen the wing nuts and adjust the trimmer shoe.

 With the tool unplugged and switch in the "OFF" position, rotate the collet nut on the tool several times to be sure that the bit turns freely and does not contact the base or trimmer shoe in any way.



1. Switch lever

Switch action

↑ CAUTION:

 Before plugging in the tool, always be sure that the tool is switched off

To start the tool, move the switch lever to the I (ON) position. To stop the tool, move the switch lever to the O (OFF) position.

The tool equipped with electronic function is easy to operate because of the following features.

Constant speed control

Electronic speed control for obtaining constant speed. Possible to get fine finish, because the rotating speed is kept constant even under load condition.

Soft start

Soft-start feature minimizes start-up shock, and makes the tool start smoothly.

Lighting up the lamps

⚠ CAUTION:

Do not look in the light or see the source of light directly.

To turn on the lamp, start the tool. Then, the lamp lights up the top of the bit. To turn it off, stop the tool.

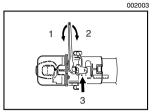
NOTE:

 Use a dry cloth to wipe the dirt off the lens of lamp. Be careful not to scratch the lens of lamp, or it may lower the illumination.

ASSEMBLY

⚠ CAUTION:

 Always be sure that the tool is switched off and unplugged before carrying out any work on the tool.



- 1. Loosen
- 2. Tighten
- 3. Hold

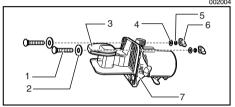
Installing or removing trimmer bit

↑ CAUTION:

- Do not tighten the collet nut without inserting a bit, or the collet cone will break.
- Use only the wrenches provided with the tool.

Insert the bit all the way into the collet cone and tighten the collet nut securely with the two wrenches. To remove the bit, follow the installation procedure in reverse.

Installing trimmer shoe (after it has been removed from the tool)



- 1. Bolt
- 3. Trimmer shoe
- Spring washer
- o. Spring washe
- 7. Base

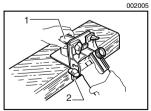
- 2. Flat washer (large)
- 4. Flat washer (small)
- 6. Wing nut

NOTE:

• The trimmer shoe is factory installed on the tool.

Use the bolts, wing nuts, spring washers and flat washers to install the trimmer shoe as shown in the figure.

OPERATION



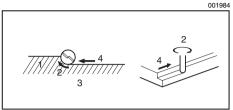
- 1. Trimmer shoe
- 2. Base

Turn the tool on without the bit making any contact with the workpiece and wait until the bit attains full speed. Then move the tool over the workpiece surface, keeping the tool base and trimmer shoe flush with the sides of the workpiece.

NOTE:

 This tool can be used as a conventional trimmer when you remove the trimmer shoe.

When doing edge cutting, the workpiece surface should be on the left side of the bit in the feed direction.



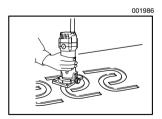
1. Workpiece

- 2. Bit revolving direction
- 3. View from the top of the tool
- 4. Feed direction

NOTE:

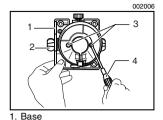
• Moving the tool forward too fast may cause a poor quality of cut, or damage to the bit or motor. Moving the tool forward too slowly may burn and mar the cut. The proper feed rate will depend on the bit size, the kind of workpiece and depth of cut. Before beginning the cut on the actual workpiece, it is advisable to make a sample cut on a piece of scrap lumber. This will show exactly how the cut will look as well as enable you to check dimensions.

 Since excessive cutting may cause overload of the motor or difficulty in controlling the tool, the depth of cut should not be more than 3 mm (1/8") at a pass when cutting grooves. When you wish to cut grooves more than 3 mm (1/8") deep, make several passes with progressively deeper bit settings.

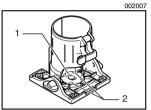


Templet guide

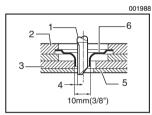
The templet guide provides a sleeve through which the bit passes, allowing use of the trimmer with templet patterns.



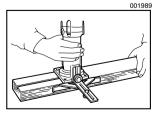
- 2. Wing bolt
- 3. Screws
- 4. Screwdriver



- Templet guide
- 2. Convex portions



- 1. Straight bit
- 2. Base
- 3. Templet
- 4. Distance (X)
- 5. Workpiece
- 6. Templet guide 10



Remove the tool base from the tool. Loosen the wing bolts and secure the tool base horizontally. Loosen the two screws on the tool base.

Place the templet guide on the tool base. There are four convex portions on the templet guide. Secure two of the four convex portions using the two screws. Install the tool base on the tool.

Secure the templet to the workpiece. Place the tool on the templet and move the tool with the templet guide sliding along the side of the templet.

NOTE:

 The workpiece will be cut a slightly different size from the templet. Allow for the distance (X) between the router bit and the outside of the templet guide. The distance (X) can be calculated by using the following equation:

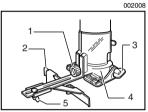
Distance (X) = (outside diameter of the templet guide – router bit diameter) / 2

Straight guide (optional accessory)

The straight guide is effectively used for straight cuts when chamfering or grooving.

001990 1 2 3 4 5 6 6 6 6 Attach the guide plate to the straight guide with the bolt, the wave washer, the flat washer and the wing nut.

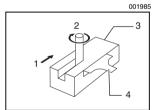
- 1. Bolt
- 2. Guide plate
- 3. Straight guide
- 4. Flat washer
- 5. Wave washer
- 6. Wing nut



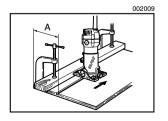
Loosen the wing bolts and secure the tool base horizontally. Attach the straight guide with the clamp screw (A). Loosen the wing nut on the straight guide and adjust the distance between the bit and the straight guide. At the desired distance, tighten the wing nut securely.

When cutting, move the tool with the straight guide flush with the side of the workpiece.

- 1. Clamp screw (A)
- 2. Straight guide
- 3. Wing bolt
- 4. Base
- 5. Wing nut



- Feed direction
- 2. Bit revolving direction
- 3. Workpiece
- 4. Trimmer shoe, straight guide



NOTE:

 When using the trimmer shoe, the straight guide or the trimmer guide, be sure to keep it on the right side in the feed direction. This will help to keep it flush with the side of the workpiece.

If the distance (A) between the side of the workpiece and the cutting position is too wide for the straight guide, or if the side of the workpiece is not straight, the straight guide cannot be used. In this case, firmly clamp a straight board to the workpiece and use it as a guide against the trimmer base. Feed the tool in the direction of the arrow.

Circular work

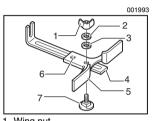
Circular work may be accomplished if you assemble the straight guide and guide plate as shown in the figure.

Min. and max. radius of circles to be cut (distance between the center of circle and the center of bit) are as follows:

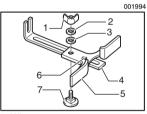
Min.: 70 mm (2-3/4")

Max.: 221 mm (8-11/16")

For cutting circles between 70 mm (2-3/4") and 121 mm (4-3/4") in radius.



- 1. Wing nut
- 2. Wave washer
- 3 Flat washer
- 4. Guide plate
- 5. Straight guide 6. Centre hole
- 7. Bolt

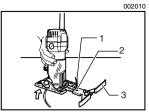


- 1. Wing nut
- 2. Wave washer
- 3. Flat washer
- 4. Guide plate
- 5. Straight guide
- 6. Centre hole 7. Bolt

For cutting circles between 121 mm (4-3/4") and 221 mm (8-11/16") in radius.

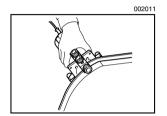
NOTE:

Circles between 172 mm (6-3/4") and 186 mm (7-5/16") in radius cannot be cut using this guide.



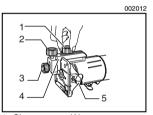
- 1. Nail
- 2. Centre hole
- 3. Straight guide

Align the center hole in the straight guide with the center of the circle to be cut. Drive a nail less than 6 mm (1/4") in diameter into the center hole to secure the straight guide. Pivot the tool around the nail in clockwise direction.

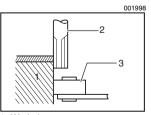


Trimmer guide

Trimming, curved cuts in veneers for furniture and the like can be done easily with the trimmer guide. The guide roller rides the curve and assures a fine cut.



- 1. Clamp screw (A)
- 2. Adjusting screw
- 3. Clamp screw (B)
- 4. Trimmer guide
- 5. Wing bolt



- 1. Workpiece
- 2. Bit
- 3. Guide roller

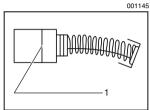
Loosen the wing bolts and secure the tool base horizontally. Install the trimmer guide on the tool base with the clamp screw (A). Loosen the clamp screw (B) and adjust the distance between the bit and the trimmer guide by turning the adjusting screw (1 mm (3/64") per turn). At the desired distance, tighten the clamp screw (B) to secure the trimmer guide in place.

When cutting, move the tool with the guide roller riding the side of the workpiece.

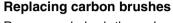
MAINTENANCE

↑ CAUTION:

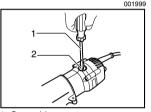
 Always be sure that the tool is switched off and unplugged before attempting to perform inspection or maintenance.



1. Limit mark



Remove and check the carbon brushes regularly. Replace when they wear down to the limit mark. Keep the carbon brushes clean and free to slip in the holders. Both carbon brushes should be replaced at the same time. Use only identical carbon brushes.



1. Screwdriver

2. Brush holder cap

Use a screwdriver to remove the brush holder caps. Take out the worn carbon brushes, insert the new ones and secure the brush holder caps.

To maintain product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, any other maintenance or adjustment should be performed by Makita Authorized or Factory Service Centers, always using Makita replacement parts.

ACCESSORIES

↑ CAUTION:

 These accessories or attachments are recommended for use with your Makita tool specified in this manual. The use of any other accessories or attachments might present a risk of injury to persons. Only use accessory or attachment for its stated purpose.

If you need any assistance for more details regarding these accessories, ask your local Makita service center.

- · Straight & groove forming bits
- Edge forming bits
- Laminate trimming bits
- · Straight guide assembly
- Trimmer guide assembly
- Trimmer base assembly (For chamfering with straight bit)
- Trimmer shoe
- Templet guide
- Collet cone 1/4"
- Wrench 10
- Wrench 17

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CUSTOMER'S RECORD

When you need service: Send	Date Purchased
complete tool (prepaid) to one of the Makita Factory Service	Dealer's Name & Address
Centers listed, or to an Authorized Makita Service Center. Be sure	
to attach a letter to the outside of the carton detailing the problem with your tool.	Model No.
	Serial No.

WARNING

Some dust created by power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling, and other construction activities contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Some examples of these chemicals are:

- lead from lead-based paints,
- crystalline silica from bricks and cement and other masonry products, and
- arsenic and chromium from chemically-treated lumber.

Your risk from these exposures varies, depending on how often you do this type of work. To reduce your exposure to these chemicals: work in a well ventilated area, and work with approved safety equipment, such as those dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.

MAKITA I IMITED ONE YEAR WARRANTY

Warranty Policy

Every Makita tool is thoroughly inspected and tested before leaving the factory. It is warranted to be free of defects from workmanship and materials for the period of ONE YEAR from the date of original purchase. Should any trouble develop during this one-year period, return the COMPLETE tool, freight prepaid, to one of Makita's Factory or Authorized Service Centers. If inspection shows the trouble is caused by defective workmanship or material, Makita will repair (or at our option, replace) without charge.

This Warranty does not apply where:

- repairs have been made or attempted by others:
- repairs are required because of normal wear and tear:
- the tool has been abused, misused or improperly maintained:
- alterations have been made to the tool.

IN NO EVENT SHALL MAKITA BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES FROM THE SALE OR USE OF THE PRODUCT. THIS DISCLAIMER APPLIES BOTH DURING AND AFTER THE TERM OF THIS WARRANTY.

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